Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Vera W. Lilly, and we are richer because Vera lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Vera was born on February 9, 1926, in Tolstoy, South Dakota, to Jacob and Elisabetha Grosz, and in 1940 she moved with her family to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she graduated from Central High School and from Northern State College; and,

Whereas, Vera married Robert Lilly in Aberdeen on June 23, 1946, and to this union they were blessed with two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Vera resides in Aberdeen and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on February 6, 2016, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2016, as

VERA W. LILLY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State